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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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TAGS: CASC: HK: (SIMONS, LEWIS)

SUBJECT: THAI VISA FOR WP CORRESPONDENT LEWIS SIMONS

REF: STATE 186151

1. SIMONS HAS CONTACTED THAI CONSULATE HONG KONG WHICH IS WILLING
ISSUE 30-DAY TOURIST VISA TO LEWIS AND FAMILY, BUT CONFIRMED HE WOULD
BE REQUIRED TO DEPART AT THAT TIME TO REAPPLY IN NEIGHBORING
COUNTRY FOR READMISSION.

2. BECAUSE OF WIFE'S RECENT DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL, SIMONS
WOULD PREFER NOT PROCEED BANGKOK UNTIL ABLE OBTAIN VISA PERMITTING
LONGER STAY.

3. IN THIS REGARD, GUARANTOR REQUIREMENTS PRESENTS PROBLEM. HE
HAS CONTACTS AMONG THAI MEDIA BUT PREFER NOT USING THEM AS
GUARANTORS. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING HAD HE APPLIED IN US
GUARANTOR WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE BEEN REQUIRED.

4. FOR BANGKOK: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AS TO HOW
SIMONS MIGHT BEST OVERCOME GUARANTOR REQUIREMENT FROM
THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES IN
THAILAND. IS THERE POSSIBILITY THIS REQUIREMENT MIGHT BE
WAIVED ON REQUEST FROM EMBASSY?
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